



**Kieling, John, NMENV**

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**To:** Kieling, John, NMENV  
**Cc:** ccns@nuclearactive.org  
**Subject:** LANL HazWaste Permit Comments

Dear Mr. Kieling,

As a Taos resident who lives downwind of LANL with two small children, I'm writing to encourage you to do all you can to help LANL become the safest and least polluting facility it can be.

Though, to be honest, I disagree with LANL's mission regarding the upkeep of old and making of new nuclear warheads, I understand that the facility will most likely continue its nuclear weapons work as well as work with other dangerous materials. Given this, I respectfully ask that you do all in your power to keep those dangerous chemicals and materials safely contained within the facility.

The legacy of our nuclear weapons program is includes more than just deterrence. There is, as you know, the legacy of nuclear-related illness in civilians ranging from uranium miners to downwinders to nuclear facilities workers, including my neighbor in Taos who installed warheads at LANL and now suffers from cancer. There are also the ubiquitous beryllium disease fliers around town, implying that numerous LANL workers are now suffering from that disease.

If we are going to have military work in NM, it is my heartfelt desire that we do so with the utmost care for the safety and health of those people involved in the work as well as those of us who live in our beautiful and extraordinary state.

Thank you so much for your willingness to read and take into consideration my comments.

Sincerely,

Michael Shorr

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